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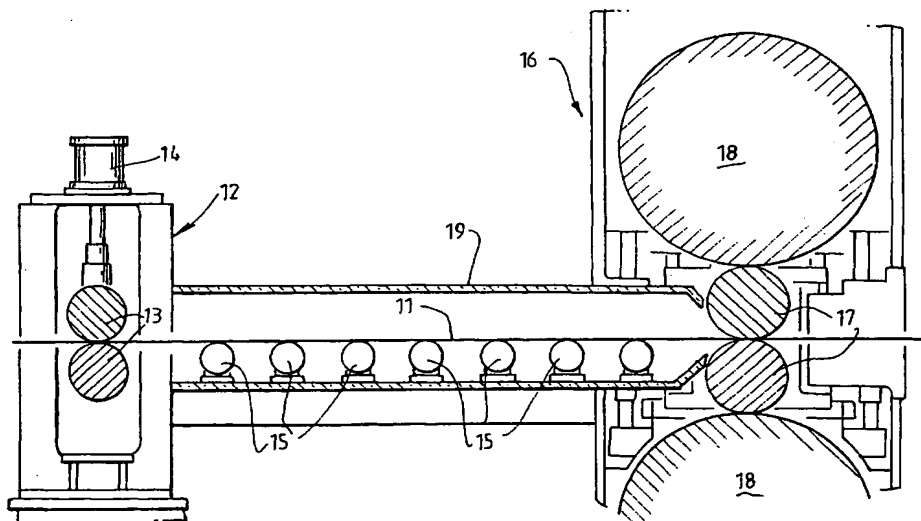
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(54) Title: HOT ROLLING THIN STRIP



(57) Abstract: Thin steel strip (11) is passed through a pinch roll stand (12) comprising pinch rolls (13) to a rolling mill (16) comprising a pair of work rolls (17) and upper and lower backing rolls (18). Strip (11) passes through the bite between work rolls (17) and strip squeezing forces are applied between the work rolls to reduce the thickness of the strip. Pinch rolls (13) apply tension to the strip passing to the work rolls (17). In order to minimize generation of crimping defects in the strip, the tension applied by the nip rolls (13) is high enough to ensure no part of the strip entering the work rolls is in longitudinal compression such as to exceed the buckling stress of the strip. The applied tension is sufficiently low as to produce no more than 1% strip elongation through creep. The strip may be hot rolled by work rolls (17) at a temperature in the range 700°C-1200°C.

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HOT ROLLING THIN STRIPBackground and Summary of Invention

5 This invention relates to the hot and warm
rolling of thin strip typically above 700°C. It has
particular, but not exclusive, application to in-line
rolling of thin steel strip produced by direct casting with
a twin roll caster where shape correction of the strip is
10 important.

Recent developments in twin roll strip casting
have enabled steel strip to be produced to thickness of the
order of less than 5 mm and typically 3 mm and less. Such
strip can be further reduced in thickness by reduction in
15 an in-line hot rolling mill as it is produced from the
caster. It has been found that when hot rolling such strip
to further reduce the thickness significant defects can be
generated in the strip due to crimping of the strip
material on entry to the work rolls of the mill. Such
20 crimping defects may be relatively minor and appear as
curved lines seen on the surface of the strip. However,
particularly when rolling very thin strip, the crimped
parts of the strip may become folded over prior to rolling
so that parts of the strip become heavily reduced and split
25 with resulting very severe defects.

Such crimping defects have been found to be due
to variations in the strip thickness and the resulting
reduction across the width of the strip. Typically, the
center part of the strip may be subjected to higher
30 percentage reduction than the strip edges, or "waves" may
occur across the width of the strip. The latter manifests
as "waves" along the length of the strip. The action of
reduction through the rolling mill creates more backwards
slip in the thicker portions of the strip relative to the
35 thin portions of the strip. The thicker parts of the strip
will therefore be subject to lengthwise compression whereas
the thinner parts will be subjected to tension, and that
will cause buckling. The buckles are then rolled into the
strip to create downstream shape defects. In extreme cases
40 the strip may completely fold over at the buckles and the
folded over material is rolled-in to produce severe

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defects. Where variations in strip thickness across the strip width are localized to small parts of the strip width, the result can be localized crimping of the strip. The extent of the crimping is related to the size of the difference in thickness across the strip width and the extent of the strip width affected by the difference in reduction.

We have found that crimping during hot rolling of thin steel strip of less than about 3 mm thickness can be substantially controlled by ensuring that the strip entering the rolling mill is subjected to tension within specific limits. More specifically, we have found it is possible by applying certain tension that buckling of the strip of the kind which will initiate crimping can be avoided, while at the same time, maintaining the tension below an upper limit to avoid excessive strip creep (leading to necking or tearing) that will damage the strip.

An illustrative embodiment of the invention provides a method of shape correction by hot rolling of thin steel strip of the type most typically produced by direct casting using a twin roll caster, comprising feeding the strip through a roll bite between a pair of work rolls, applying strip squeezing forces between the work rolls to reduce the thickness of the strip, and applying tension to the strip passing to the work rolls sufficiently high to ensure no part of the strip entering the work rolls is in longitudinal compression such as to exceed the buckling stress of the strip and sufficiently low as to produce no more than 1% strip elongation through creep. The tension allowable to produce no more than 1% elongation through creep was determined as described in "Effect of Carbon Content on Plastic Flow of Plain Carbon Steel at Elevated Temperatures", P.J. Wray, American Society for Metals and the Metallurgical Society of AIME, Vol 13 (Jan 1982).

While the strip may be in excess of 2.5 mm thick prior to rolling, it may also have a pre-rolling thickness of as low as about 0.5mm or less.

The strip may be hot rolled at a temperature of at least about 700°C. The strip may also be hot rolled up to a temperature of about 1200°C. The degree of reduction of the strip thickness through the work rolls is generally

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about 35 % or less, and is determined usually by the customer choice of thickness in the final strip.

The applied tension may be such as to limit the strip elongation through creep to no more than 0.5%.

5 Preferably, the variation in strip thickness reduction across the strip imposed by the work rolls is sufficiently small to prevent strip shape defects and surface creasing downstream of the work rolls of more than 200 I-units. However, in some circumstances, the variation
10 in reduction may be such as to permit downstream shape defects and surface creasing of up to 400 I-units. The produced strip will vary in shape defects across its width; these I-unit figures are the worst case shape defects and surface creasing of the strip. The rolled strip so produced
15 is typically additionally processed after cooling in a commercial skin pass mill to produce flatter strip with shape defects and surface creasing below 100 I-units.

I-units are a measure of the flatness of the strip produced. I-units are determined by the equation:
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$$\text{I-units} = (h/l)^2 \times 24.649$$
where "h" is the peak to peak amplitude, and "l" is the distance between peaks (i.e. wavelength) of the shape defects in the strip. Sometimes by convention in operation 24.649 is rounded to 25 in use of this equation in
25 determining the I-units.

The tension is typically applied to the strip by passing it through a pair of pinch rolls in advance of the work rolls, but additional pinch rolls may be also be used downstream of the work rolls to maintain tension across the
30 work rolls. The greater the tension at the work rolls the lesser the rolling load to achieve a given reduction.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

35 In order that the invention may be more fully explained, the determination of appropriate strip tensions and one form of rolling apparatus for operation in accordance with the invention will be described in some detail with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

40 Figure 1 illustrates diagrammatically the typical formation of crimping defects in hot rolling thin strip of

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less than 3 mm made by direct casting with a twin roll
caster;

Figure 2 is a graph plotting the necessary
compressive stress for buckling for a given strip thickness
to width ratio and strip temperature;

Figure 3 plots upper and lower entry tension
limits for typical thin steel strip when hot rolled at
temperatures of 850°C to 1200°C in accordance with the
present invention; and

Figure 4 illustrates part of the strip mill
installation, which can be operated to hot roll thin steel
strip in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 diagrammatically illustrates a strip 1
passing through a roll bite between a pair of work rolls 2
of a rolling mill in circumstances where there is upstream
buckling at the locations 3 which are rolled in to produce
downstream defects 4 (shape defects and surface ceasing, or
crimping). This illustrates the problem addressed by the
present invention.

As the lateral variation in elongation after
rolling is also the downstream shape defect it can be
shown, as discussed in the Appendix, that the magnitude of
crimping must be less than this shape defect. In
particular, the Appendix to this specification shows that
the "crimping" strip strain $|d\epsilon_0|$ at mill entry is given
by:

$$|d\epsilon_0| \leq |d\epsilon_s| \quad (1)$$

where $|d\epsilon_s|$ is the downstream shape defect magnitude
expressed as an elongation strain. That is, the upstream
crimping strain is always less in magnitude than the
downstream shape defect strain. The downstream shape defect
is easier to measure than the crimping strain and the
maximum shape defect allowable for downstream processing is
better defined, being typically less than 200 I-Units,
although in some circumstances the variation in downstream
shape defects may be up to 400 I-units. As the upstream
crimping strain must be less in magnitude than the

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downstream strip shape strain this in turn gives the maximum expected crimping strain for such strip under normal rolling conditions.

It should be noted that the problem addressed by the present invention is directed to thin strip such as that made by casting with a twin roll caster, where the shape defects are not uniform across the width of the strip. If the strip is sufficiently thick then buckling will not occur despite the transverse variation in elongation due to the strip's flexural rigidity. The minimum buckling strain has previously been empirically related to the strip thickness and width for the case of Shape Defects by Somers et al in the following publication: Somers R.R. et al (1984), "Verification and Applications of a Model for Predicting Hot Strip Profile, Crown and Flatness", Iron and Steel Engineer, Sept. pp35-44. The same theory can be applied to upstream "crimping". Figure 2 shows the necessary corresponding compressive stress for buckling for a given strip thickness to width ratio and strip temperature.

For strips of less than 2.5 mm thickness and greater than 1000 mm width, the necessary compressive stress is less than 2 Mpa (i.e. mega pascals). The buckling stress will easily be surpassed for typical present shape defects, which are of order 5 to 10 Mpa in stress. For thicker strip of 10 mm, the buckling stress is of order 10 to 20 MPa and hence buckling is unlikely to occur. Also, the problem is typically not present in conventional rolled thin strip since the thin strip is produced by compression through previous rolling mills and the resulting strip is relatively uniform thickness profile across the width of the strip with a center crown.

The applied tension necessary to avoid crimping provides no part of the strip is in compression, and any compression is less than the buckling limit of the strip. The strip must be elastically elongated so that the shorter sections of the strip are stretched to match the longer more elongated regions. This tension stress t is given by the product of the Elastic Modulus E and the worst case "crimp" expressed as a compressive strain $d\varepsilon_0$. Using Equation (1) above, an entry tension can be derived

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in terms of the downstream shape defect as:

$$t = E|d\varepsilon_0| = E d\varepsilon_s$$

5 If the maximum allowable shape defect is 200
I-Units, or 0.2% compressive elongation, then the necessary
applied tension stress t to avoid crimping can be
calculated. The strip elastic modulus is temperature
dependent and for the present purpose was modeled from
10 experimental data by

$$E = 41 \exp(-T/330) \text{ GPa}$$

where T is temperature in degrees Celsius. The minimum
15 applied entry stress to avoid crimping for 200 and 400 I-
Units downstream shape defects is shown in Figure 3 for the
Elastic Modulus at the different strip temperatures for a
typical silicon/manganese killed steel strip as produced by
a twin roll caster. That steel may have the composition:

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Carbon	0.05-0.10% by weight
Manganese	0.50-0.70% by weight
Silicon	0.20-0.30% by weight
Aluminum less than	0.008% by weight

Figure 3 shows an extreme case with 400 I-Units
shape defect. This extra tension may be necessary at
25 "head" ends of casting and rolling before steady state
control conditions are reached.

The maximum applied tension must be such as to
avoid excessive strip creep (leading to necking or tearing)
of the strip. Creep will always occur to some extent for
30 rolling of hot strip under tension. The tension stress
necessary to cause a given degree of strain is dependent on
the temperature and to a much lesser extent the strain
rate. For a given maximum strain deemed allowable the
maximum tension stress can be predicted for a strain rate
35 with the use of a Creep Model. For the present case the

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creep stress was determined by the Model

$$t(\text{MPa}) = 3000 \left(\frac{\epsilon_{\max}}{100} \right)^{0.23} \left(\frac{u \epsilon_{\max}}{60l} \right)^{0.09} \exp(-T/330)$$

5 where ϵ_{\max} is the maximum percentage creep strain permitted,
u is the strip speed in meters/min and l is the length in
meters the strip is under tension. The coefficients were
found from experimental data for this grade of steel. This
10 is shown as upper stress limits in Figures 3 for both 0.5%
and 1% maximum elongation creep strains between the tension
device and rolling mill spaced 1 m apart at strip speeds of
60m/min. It was found that for a doubling/halving of the
strain rate, brought about by a similar variation in the
15 casting velocity, for example, then this stress varied by
only 5%.

Figure 3 shows the tension windows for thin strip
(less than 3 mm) that should ensure no crimping but also
avoid excessive strip creep over the temperature range of
900° C to 1200° C. The maximum downstream shape can be
20 assumed to be either 200 I-Units or 400 I-Unit. The former
is the typical upper limit. The latter is representative of
a typical extreme cases such as might be present at head or
tail ends of a cast or during tracking problems. The upper
limits of the anti-crimping tension were such that the
25 elongation creep is less than 0.5% or 1% elongation. The
allowable tension to produce no more than 1% elongation
through creep, as indicated above, was determined as
described in "Effect of Carbon Content on Plastic Flow of
Plain Carbon Steels at Elevated Temperatures", by P.J.
30 Wray, American Society for Metals and the Metallurgical
Society of AIME, Vol. 13A (Jan 1982).

These results are for manganese/silicon-killed
steel as discussed above. For aluminum-killed steel the
maximum tensions would typically be reduced by 25% but this
35 would depend on the strip chemistry. Typical aluminum
killed steel may comprise about 0.06% by weight of carbon,
about 0.25% by weight manganese, about 0.15% by weight of
aluminum.

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It will be seen that the necessary tension increases with a lowering of the strip temperature due to increase in the Elastic Modulus. Typically, the lower tension stress limits ranged from about 5 (11) MPa for 900°C to 2 (4) MPa for 1200°C for 200 (400) I-Unit shape respectively. The upper tensions were 37 to 15 MPa over the same temperature range for 0.5% maximum strip elongation.

The same tension stress limits are expected to apply to stainless steel 304.

Figure 4 illustrates part of a rolling mill installation, which can be operated in accordance with the present invention. In this rolling mill installation a thin steel strip 11 is passed through a pinch roll stand 12 comprising a pair of pinch rolls 13 to which strip gripping forces are applied by a pair of hydraulic cylinder units 14 disposed one to each side of the pinch roll stand.

After passing through pinch roll stand 12 the strip 11 is supported on a table formed by a succession of rollers 15 across which it passes to a rolling mill 16 comprising a pair of work rolls 17 disposed one above the other and a pair of upper and lower backing rolls 18. Strip reduction forces are applied between the work rolls 17 by means of hydraulic cylinder units (not shown) disposed at the two sides of the rolling mill and acting through the upper backing rolls 18. Between pinch roll stand 12 and rolling mill stand 16; the strip is held within a sealed enclosure 19.

In accordance with the present invention the pinch roll is operated to apply a tension in the strip entering the rolling mill which is sufficiently high to prevent crimping, but low enough to avoid excessive creep.

The illustrated apparatus is advanced by way of example and as indicative of the best method of performance of the invention presently known to the applicant. However other forms of apparatus would be feasible. In particular, although a single pair of pinch rolls are a simple and efficient means of developing tension in the strip in advance of the work rolls, it would be possible to use other means of generating tension such as a series of pinch rolls or bridle rolls, and preferably pinch rolls, a

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series of pinch rolls or bridle rolls downstream from the rolling mill.

APPENDIX

5 CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SHAPE AND CRIMPING

Shape defects occur when reduction through a rolling mill is not uniform across the strip width and hence local regions with more reduction produce longer strip downstream than the reference. This longer strip will locally buckle. If dr is the local variation in the degree of proportional thickness reduction, and $d\epsilon_s$ is the local variation in strip strain extension, proportional to strip length (shape), then by conservation of strip mass flow we can show that

$$d\epsilon_s = dr / (1 - r)$$

where r is the reference (mean) strip reduction. Strip shape tolerance limits are generally well defined.

Now let us consider the region of the rolling mill and assume the strip enters this region with a uniform speed across the width and hence no upstream crimping. If there is a non-uniform reduction then from mass flow conservation the strip must exit the rolling region at non-uniform speeds depending on the extension (shape) variation. In particular from mass flow considerations the exit speed u_{exit} can be expressed in terms of the entry speed u_{entry} and thickness h_{entry} together with the exit thickness h_{exit} . Mathematically we can write:

$$u_{exit} = u_{entry} h_{entry} / h_{exit} = u_{entry} / (1 - r)$$

$$du_{exit} = u_{exit} dr / (1 - r) = u_{exit} d\epsilon_s$$

where du_{exit} is the variation in strip exit speed and by the second equation is dependent on the downstream strip shape. A larger reduction causes a faster exit speed. In general this situation cannot occur as the roll and strip speeds

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are closely related and an arbitrary variation of strip exit speed from the strip shape will wrongly imply variation in roll speed along its axis. The assumption that strip entry speed near the rolling region being
 5 uniform along the strip width can therefore not be true.

Let us now assume the other extreme where the strip exit speed is uniform. Using the same argument the strip entry speed into the rolling region is given by

$$u_{entry} = (1-r)u_{exit}$$

$$du_{entry} = -u_{exit}dr = -u_{entry}dr/(1-r) = -u_{entry}d\varepsilon_s$$

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where du_{entry} is the variation in entry speed. A downstream strip shape defect of the form of local relative strip extension therefore reduces the entry speed. Far upstream
 15 from the rolls the strip speed is uniform and so locally the strip must slow (backward slip) and become compressed as it enters the rolling region. The corresponding strip compressive (negative tension) stress due to the downstream shape is then

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$$t = Ed\varepsilon_0 = E \frac{du_{entry}}{u_{entry}} = -Ed\varepsilon_s$$

where $d\varepsilon_0 = du_{entry}/u_{entry}$ is the upstream crimping strain. We now have a formula relating to the upstream tension variation to the downstream shape defect. If this
 25 compressive stress is too large then buckling will occur upstream with the undesirable effects mentioned previously. To overcome this buckling, a positive entry tension may be added of magnitude equal to the greatest compressive tension from the shape defect.

30 The above two scenarios are the extreme cases and in practise conditions (about half way) between occurs causing variation in strip speed (and tension) near the rolls both upstream and downstream of half the above magnitude. The above stress formula is therefore the upper
 35 limit for upstream compression but can still be used giving an inbuilt safety margin.

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CLAIMS:

1. A method of hot rolling thin steel strip comprising:
- 5 feeding the strip through a roll bite between a pair of work rolls,
- 10 applying strip squeezing forces between the work rolls to reduce the thickness of the strip,
- 15 and applying tension to the strip passing to the work rolls sufficiently high to avoid buckling stress in the strip entering the work rolls, and sufficiently low as to produce no more than 1% strip elongation through creep.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is no more than 3 mm thick prior to feeding to the work rolls.
- 20 3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip thickness is in the range of 0.5 mm to 2 mm prior to feeding to the work rolls.
- 25 4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range of 700° C to 1200° C.
- 30 5. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range of 700° C to 1200° C.
- 35 6. A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range of 700° C to 1200° C.
- 40 7. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range 900° C to 1200° C.
- 45 8. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range 900° C to 1200° C.
9. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range 900° C to 1200° C.

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10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the applied tension is such as to limit the strip elongation through creep to no more than 0.5%.

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11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the variation in strip thickness reduction across the strip as imposed by the work rolls is such that the strip shape defects downstream of the work rolls are no more than 400 I-units.

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12. A method according to claim 11, wherein said variation in strip thickness reduction is such that the strip shape defects downstream of the work rolls is no more than 200 I-units.

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13. A method according to claim 1, wherein tension is applied to the strip by passing said strip through a pair of pinch rolls in advance of the work rolls.

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14. A method according to claim 1, wherein the strip is a manganese/silicon killed steel strip of thickness in the range 0.5 mm to 3 mm,

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the strip is hot rolled in the temperature range 900° C to 1200° C,

and the applied tension is within an operating range between maximum and minimum values defined by:

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tension max = maximum allowable elongation at the rolling temperature, and

tension min = maximum strip buckle stress allowable at the rolling temperature.

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15. A method of hot rolling thin steel strip produced by direct casting by a twin roll caster comprising:

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feeding the strip through a roll bite between a pair of work rolls,

applying strip squeezing forces between the work rolls to reduce the thickness of the strip,

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and applying tension to the strip passing to the work rolls sufficiently high to avoid buckling stress in

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the strip entering the work rolls, and sufficiently low as to produce no more than 1% strip elongation through creep.

16. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the strip is no more than 3 mm thick prior to feeding to the work rolls.

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the strip thickness is in the range of 0.5 mm to 2 mm prior to feeding to the work rolls.

18. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range of 700° C to 1200° C.

19. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range of 700° C to 1200° C.

20. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range of 700° C to 1200° C.

21. A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range 900° C to 1200° C.

22. A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range 900° C to 1200° C.

23. A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the strip is hot rolled at a temperature in the range 900° C to 1200° C.

24. A method according to claim 15, wherein the applied tension is such as to limit the strip elongation through creep to no more than 0.5%.

25. A method according to claim 15, wherein the variation in strip thickness reduction across the strip as imposed by the work rolls is such that the strip shape defects downstream of the work rolls are no more than 400 I-units.

26. A method according to claim 25, wherein said variation in strip thickness reduction is such that the

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strip shape defects downstream of the work rolls is no more than 200 I-units.

27. A method according to claim 15, wherein tension
5 is applied to the strip by passing said strip through a pair of pinch rolls in advance of the work rolls.

28. A method according to claim 15, wherein the strip
10 is a manganese/silicon killed steel strip of thickness in the range 0.5 mm to 3 mm,

the strip is hot rolled in the temperature range
900° C to 1200° C,

15 and the applied tension is within an operating range between maximum and minimum values defined by:

tension max = maximum allowable elongation at the
rolling temperature, and

20 tension min = maximum strip buckle stress allowable at the rolling temperature.

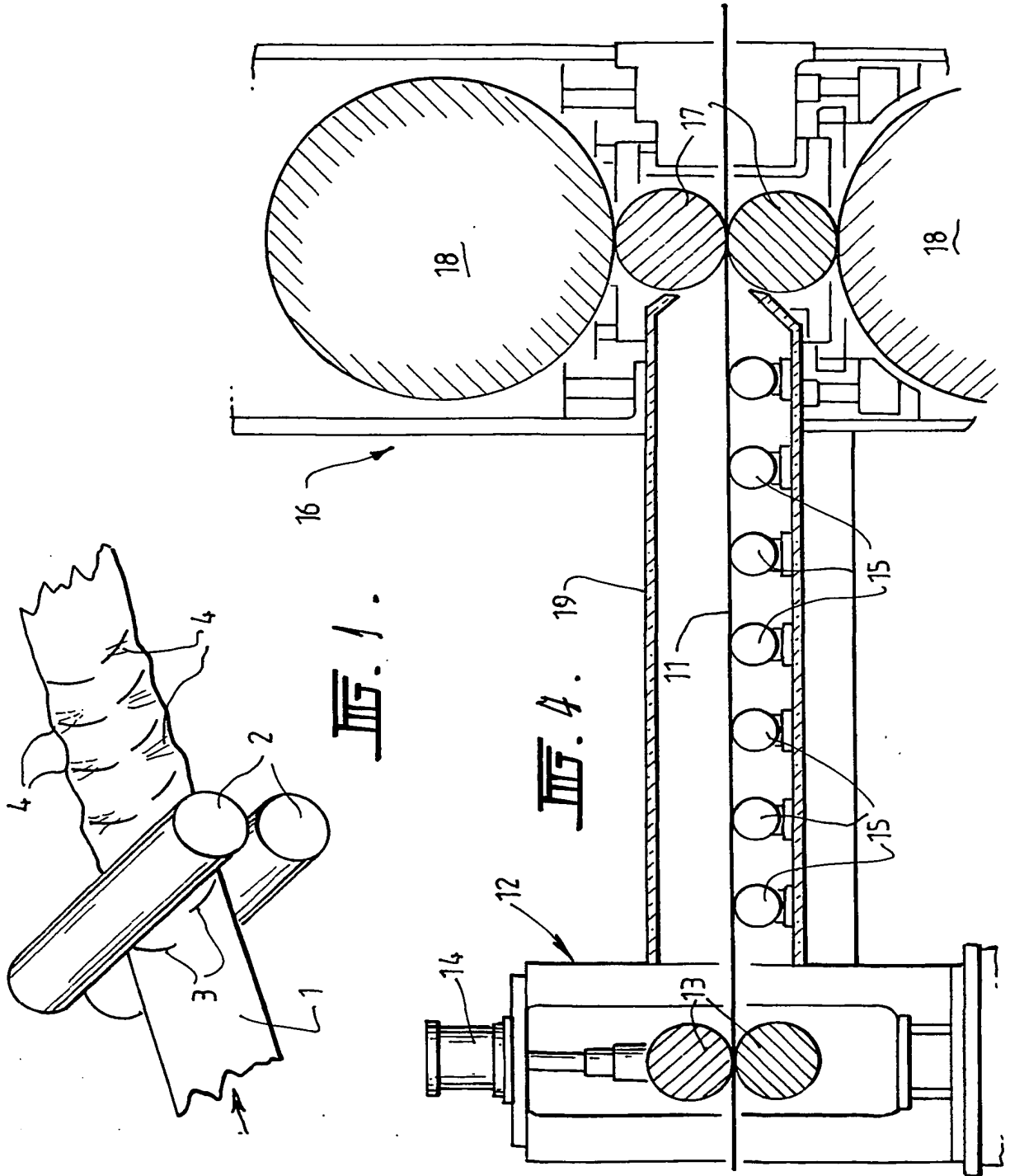
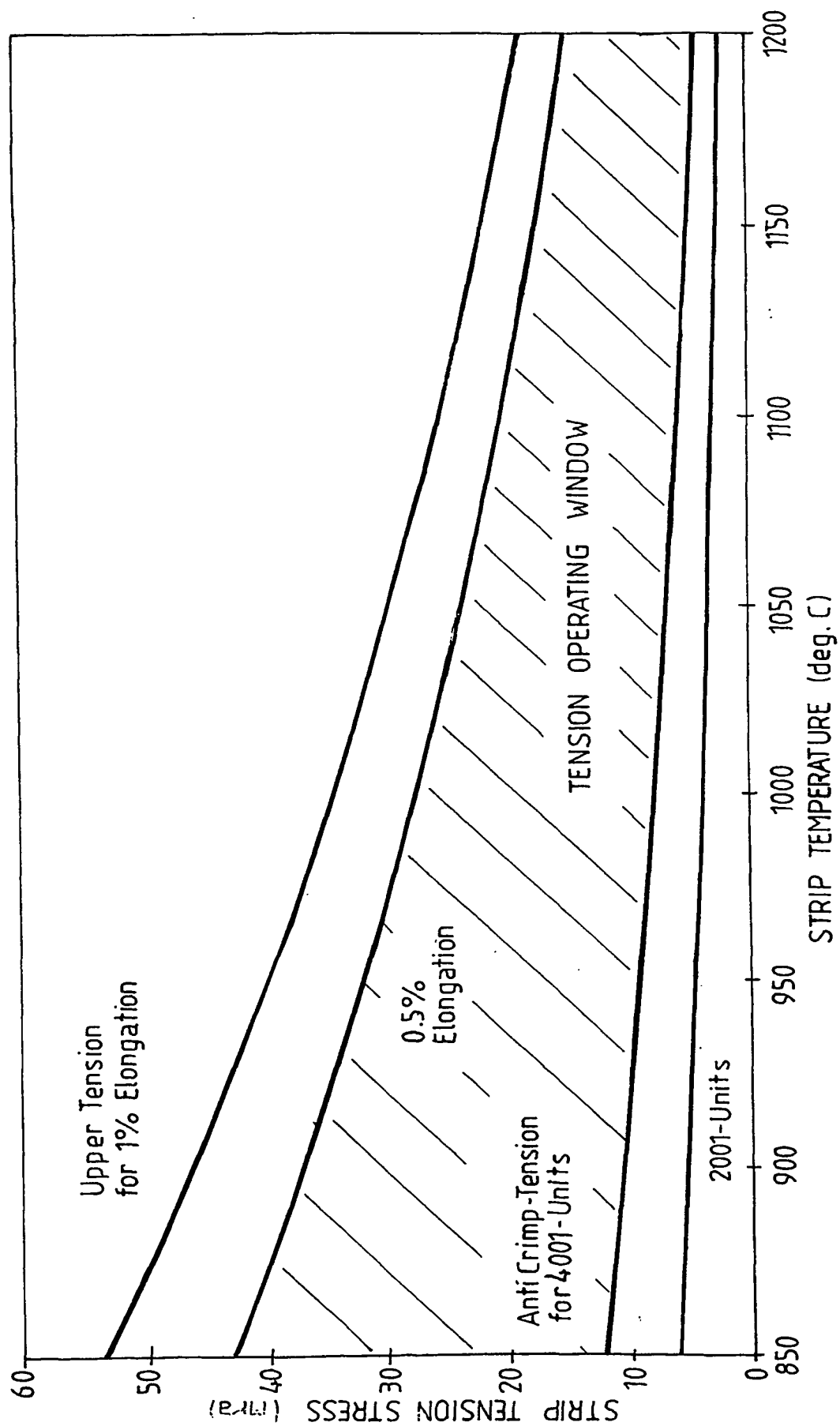


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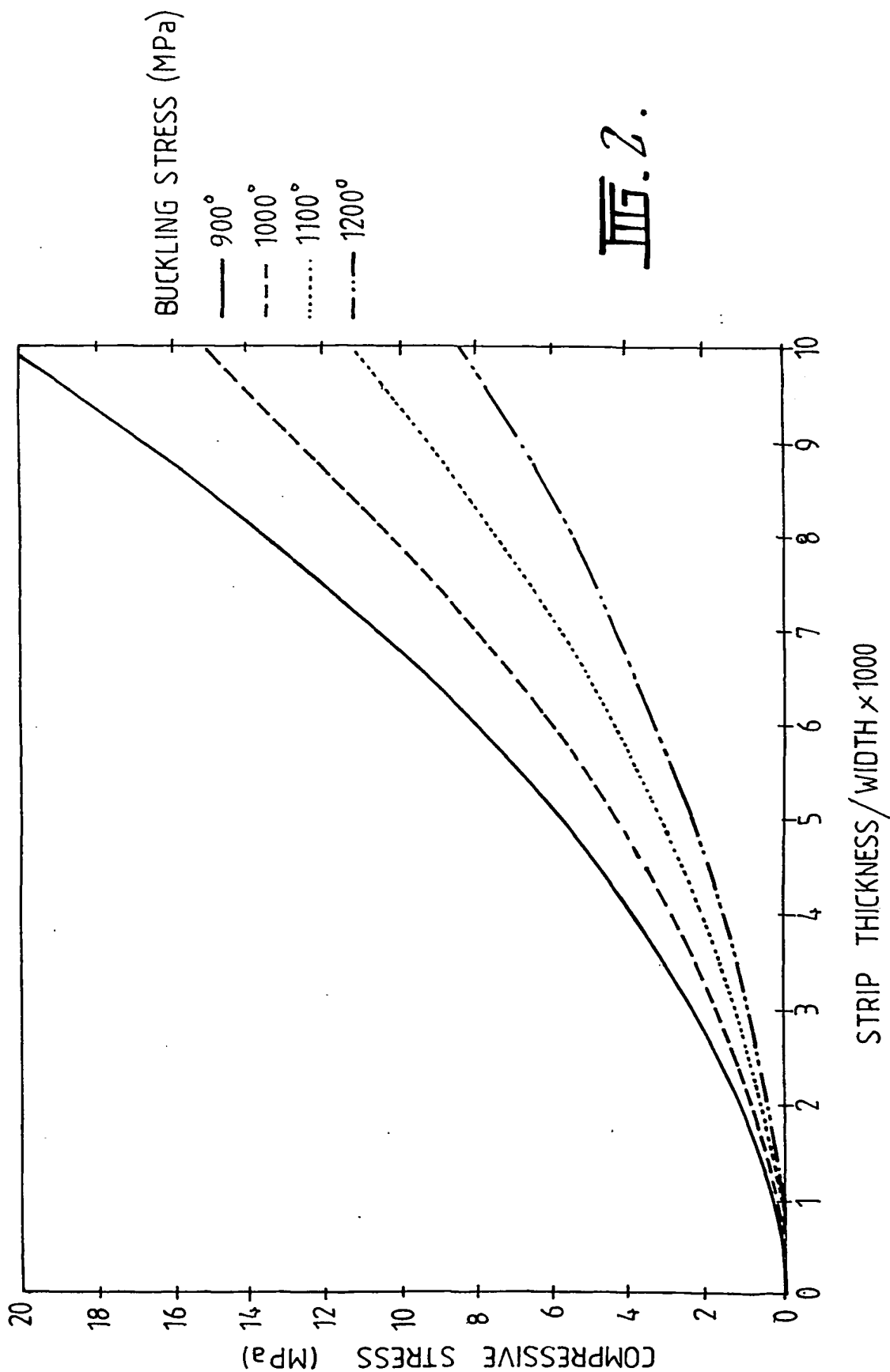


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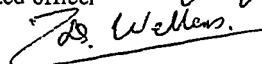
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